

Portland  
14 March 1877

Dear Mr Garrison

Thanks for copy of  
The Traveller with your  
letter to Beaine, which  
I approve thoroughly.

I was taken not a  
little chuck when I  
saw it announced that  
the Pres. intended to  
put the rebel Gen<sup>l</sup>. John-  
son at the head of the  
War Department! I  
really hope the new  
attempt to pacify and

conciliate "our Southern  
em brethren" - the negro  
killers - may be suc-  
cessful. Wither to that  
policy has failed. I  
think I know the rebels  
well - and have seen  
that forbearance, mag-  
nanimity are mistaken  
by them for cowardice.

I think Mr Hayes is  
thoroughly upright. that  
he appreciates justly  
the great dignity and  
importance of his po-  
sition - and that he

does not regard his  
great office as a per-  
sonal property to be  
managed for the benefit  
of himself and his rela-  
tions - but as a sacred  
public trust, to be ad-  
ministered only in the  
public interest.

We have narrowly es-  
caped a great peril, and  
I trust a kind Provi-  
dence will bring us  
safely through every  
remaining danger.

I am most truly Yours  
Neal Dow

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